ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0067] According to embodiments of the present invention, indicators on a PCI/PCI-X controlled by a Standard Hot-Plug Controller (SHPC) have non-fifty percent duty cycle blinking patterns that communicate to an operator a particular command being processed, whether the command was processed successfully, whether a "hard" or "soft" error occurred if the command was processed successfully, and whether power was applied to the slot if the command was not processed successfully.